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IS FROM THE CIA/IMAGERY ANALYSIS DIVISION. CITE CIA-P-101.

ANALYSIS OF PHOTOGRAPHY OF 1 SEPTEMBER 1962 (MISSION 9044/D53/  
F42/A49) REVEALS THAT AT LEAST PART OF THE SOLID PROPELLANTS PLANT  
AND TEST FACILITY AT BIYSK, USSR WAS OPERATIONAL AT THAT TIME.  
A SMOKE CLOUD APPROXIMATELY 2,200 FEET IN DIAMETER IS OBSERVED  
HANGING CLOSE TO THE GROUND APPROXIMATELY 4,000 FEET NORTH OF THE  
SMALL "U" SHAPED TEST POSITION, 8,775 FEET WEST OF THE MAIN  
TEST AREA. A VERY FAINT CONE OF SMOKE CAN BE DETECTED EMANATING  
FROM THE "U" SHAPED TEST REVETMENT. THIS INDICATES THAT A TEST  
HAD RECENTLY BEEN CONDUCTED. PREVIOUS ESTIMATES HAD PLACED THE  
OPERATIONAL DATE OF THIS FACILITY AS SOMETIME IN 1964. HOWEVER,  
DETECTION OF THIS TEST ACTIVITY LEADS TO THE CONCLUSION THAT AT  
LEAST PART OF THE BIYSK FACILITY WAS PRODUCING AND TESTING PROPELLANTS  
AS EARLY AS 1 SEPTEMBER 1962.

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